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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

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1. CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, US, UK MET AT AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL
AM JANUARY 13 TO DISCUSS DRAFT RES AND STRATEGY. UK SAID
THEY AWAITING COMMENTS FROM LONDON AND AMBASSADOR RICHARD
IN NAIROBI. US AND FRANCE SAID THAT THEY HAD INSTRUCTIONS
TO SUPPORT BRITISH IN VOTING ON RES. GERMANY SAID IT
INSTRUCTED VOTE WITH BRITISH IF EITHER FRENCH OR CANADIANS
DID SO. CANADIANS SAID THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT IN-
DICATED THAT WHILE THEY DID NOT RULE OUT VOTING WITH OTHER
FOUR, THEY ANXIOUS FINDING A WAY CAST AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.
AMBASSADORIAL GROUP AGREED CHARGE WORKING-LEVEL WITH
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COMING UP WITH POSSIBLE COUNTER-DRAFT. WORKING GROUP
CAME UP WITH TWO VERSIONS, LESS FORTHCOMING OF WHICH (FROM
AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW) ELIMINATED ALL REFERENCES
TO AGGRESSION AND SUBSTITUTED MILD
"DEPLORING" PARAS FOR FIRST THREE OPERATIVE PARA-
GRAPHS OF TEXT OF AFRICAN/NONALIGNED WORKING PAPER WHICH IS
REPORTED REFTEL. MORE FORTHCOMING VERSION (FROM AFRICAN

POINT OF VIEW) CONTAINED WORD "CONDEMNS" AND ABBREVIATED AND AMELIORATED LANGUAGE FROM FIRST THREE PARAS, AS WELL AS DELETING ALL REFERENCE "AGGRESSION" PARA 3.

2. AT THIS POINT, BRITISH RECEIVED WORD FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARD THAT, IN HIS VIEW, UK, BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL ROLE, SHOULD ABSTAIN ON WHATEVER RESOLUTION COMES OUT OF DISCUSSION. FRG MISOFF ASKED UKUN MISOFF WHETHER RICHARD ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO OTHERS JOINING UK IN ABSTENTION. UK MISOFF SAID AMBASSADOR RICHARD'S PRECISE WORDS WERE "THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO PRESS ANYONE TO JOIN US IN ABSTENTION."

3. AT 3 PM, LESS FORTHCOMING VERSION OF COUNTER-DRAFT PRESENTED TO AFRICANS AS CANADIAN/GERMAN EFFORT TO FIND BASIS WHICH COULD ATTRACT LARGER NUMBER OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES THAN TEXT CONTAINED REFTEL. SUBSEQUENTLY, AFRICANS CAME BACK TO GERMANS AND CANADIANS AND SAID THEY COULD ACCEPT DELETION OF TERM "ACTS OF AGGRESSION" AND POSSIBLY OF ANY MENTION OF "AGGRESSION" BUT THAT THEY NEEDED STRONG CONDEMNATORY LANGUAGE. CANADA THEN ASKED THEM TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING PARA (FROM MORE FORTHCOMING VERSION) IN LIEU OF FIRST THREE OPERATIVE PARAS:

"CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF PROVOCATIVE HARASSMENT AND ILLEGAL USE OF FORCE, MURDER, ARSON, KID-CONFIDENTIAL

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NAPPING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY AND LACK OF PEACE IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS ANY ACTIONS WHICH AID OR ASSIST THE COMMISSION OF SUCH ACTS." AFRICANS WERE NOT ENCOURAGING BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER.

4. FRENCH HAVE EXPRESSLY REQUESTED UKUN TO CLARIFY BRITISH VIEWS ON EXTENT TO WHICH THEY WISH COMPANY IN ABSTENTION ON RES IF IT MODIFIED AT ALL. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT SAID SO, IT SEEMS THAT CANADA STRONGLY, FRG MODERATELY, AND FRANCE ONLY SOMEWHAT LESS MODERATELY, WOULD LIKE BE ABLE VOTE IN FAVOR. UKUN HAS AGREED SEEK CLARIFICATION OF HMG'S VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO HAVING COMPANY IN THE ABSTENTION, AS OPPOSED TO ABSTAINING ALONE SO AS TO EMPHASIZE THAT UK ABSTENTION RELATES TO THEIR SPECIAL ROLE IN THE GENEVA PROCESS. ALL FIVE WILL

BE IN TOUCH EARLY ON JANUARY 14.

5. DURING JANUARY 13 MEETING, ZAMBIA, LESOTHO,
PRC, PANAMA, ROMANIA, CANADA, TANZANIA, INDIA,
YUGOSLAVIA, SIERRA LEONE, KENYA, AND US SPOKE. GOVERNOR
SCRANTON'S SPEECH BY SEPTTEL. SUMMARIES OF OTHERS
IN ADDITIONAL SEPTTEL. SINCE WE GATHER FROM
BOTSWANANS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE WISHES DEPART
NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, VOTE ON RESOLUTION
MAY COME DURING NEXT MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED
FOR 3:00 PM FRIDAY, JANUARY 14. SECRETARIAT
OFFICIAL, ON OTHER HAND, TOLD US PM JANUARY 13 THAT
DEBATE MAY HAVE TO EXTEND INTO COMING WEEK.
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